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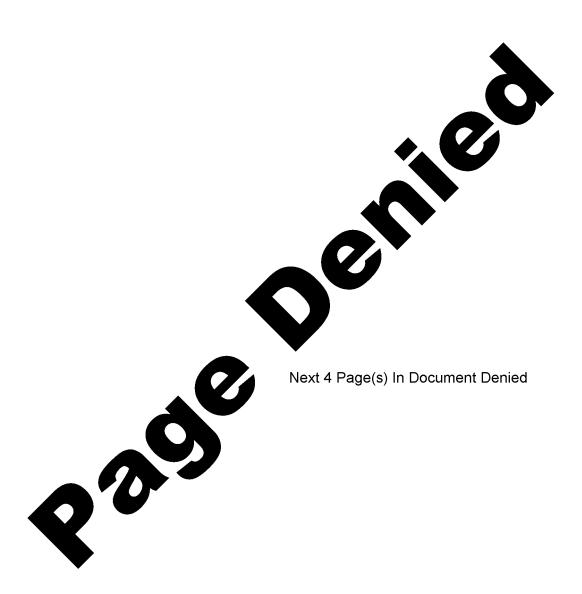


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USSR: Soviet party chief Brezhnev's sharp and personal denunciation of President Johnson's Vietnam policy carries forward the harsh anti-US barrage of recent weeks.

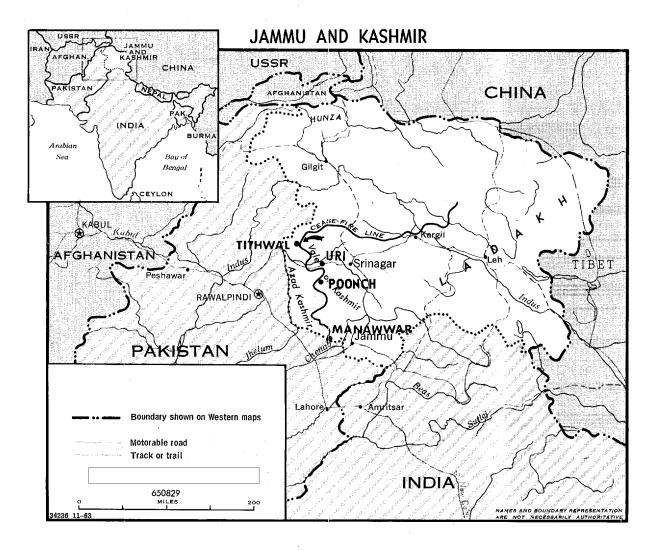
Brezhnev used the occasion of a 27 August Kremlin dinner in honor of Nasir to condemn alleged attempts to starve the North Vietnamese into submission. He described President Johnson as asserting with satisfaction that the destruction of schools, hospitals, and the irrigation network in the DRV is 'in accord with the planned objective.' Nasir, on the other hand, referred only briefly to 'flagrant aggression' in Vietnam.

There are also indications of Moscow's apparent reluctance, as the situation in Vietnam intensifies, to increase or even continue the present level of Soviet-US exchange programs. Upon receiving the President's recent invitation to send a Soviet observer to watch the launching of Gemini 6, for example, a Russian Foreign Ministry official offered his "personal" view that "this is not the best time" for such courtesies.

The Soviet charge that a guide at a US exhibit in the USSR was a wartime spy for the Nazis may be intended to put the blame on Washington for any drop in US-Soviet programs. A 27 August Izvestia article attacked US intentions in sending "such characters" to the USSR, and asked, "What cultural exchange between countries can types like this promote?"

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Kashmir: Indian forces have made another incursion across the cease-fire line.

In an attempt to destroy a group of potential infiltrators located in the area between Uri and Poonch, the Indians crossed the line on 28 August near Uri. India may intend to try to modify the cease-fire line to eliminate the salient into Indian territory between these two points.

UN Secretary General Thant is not now planning to publish his long-awaited report on the Kashmir situation. A UN spokesman says that no further announcement on UN action will be made until the talks in New York with the head of the UN observer group are concluded.

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Greece: Tsirimokos' failure to win a vote of confidence on 28 August leaves the King again facing disagreeable choices.

Papandreou continues to demand new elections as the only solution to the crisis. However, he has proposed delaying elections until 15 November "if the King finds it indispensable" and if the major opposition party, the National Radical Union (ERE) party, agrees. He suggested a "service" government be formed to lead the country to elections.

Elections would result in lines being drawn between the right and left extremes, with the monarchy itself a major issue.

Another possible constitutional solution would be formation of a "national government" of all four parliamentary parties, without elections. This, however, would probably not be accepted by Papandreou and his parliamentary supporters.

The King has not ruled out some form of non-constitutional military solution to prevent a threat to his position.

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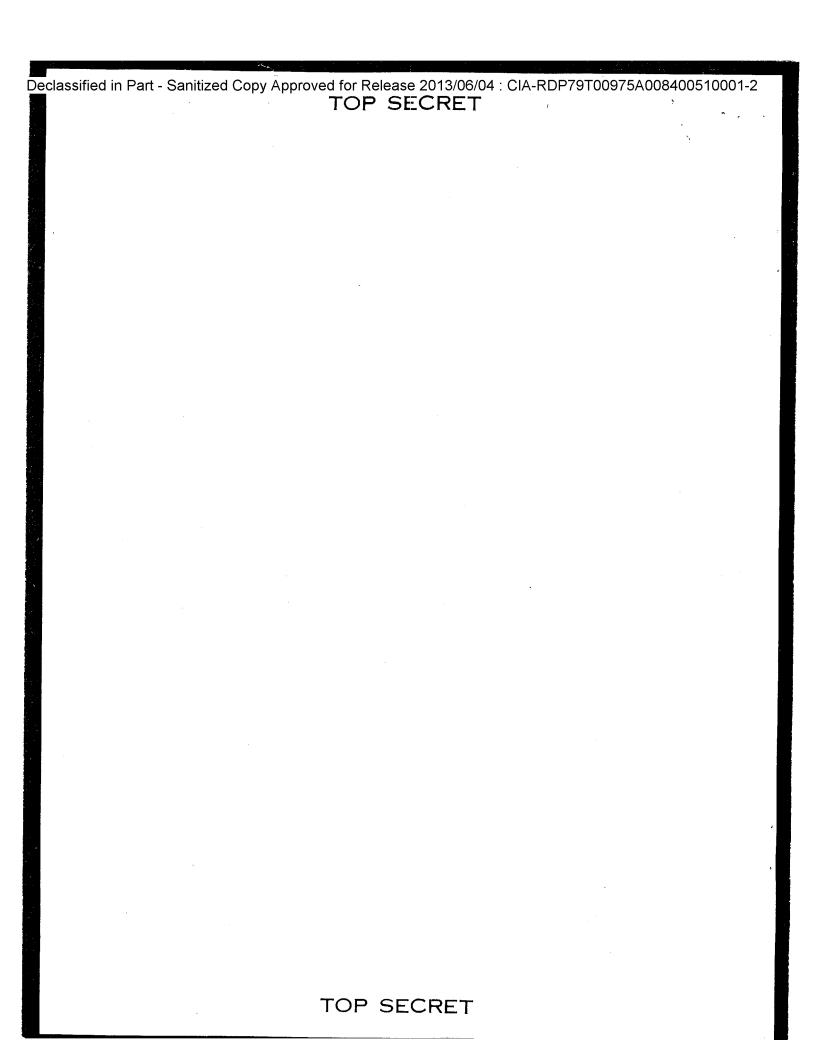
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